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## **QUICK-GROWING VINES FOR BEAUTY AND USE**

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There's a world of pleasure and satisfaction at small cost in vines that grow rapidly from seed in one season. They are time savers because they need little care and attention from the day the seed sprouts until the plants die down in the fall. They are a delight to many a home owner because of their variety of uses in the dooryard.

## For Screening and Shade

Is the garage bare and uninteresting? Would you like to dress up the fence as a background for the flower border? Does the porch need shade to keep out the hot summer sun? One favorite vine for such locations is *Morning Glory*, *Heavenly Blue*. The luxuriant foliage and lovely white-throated blue blossoms are a joy from midsummer to frost. *Crimson Rambler*, a recently introduced morning glory, has the same lush foliage and vigorous climbing habits. It produces a wealth of ruby red flowers for a long season. *Old-fashioned Morning Glory*, too, with its smaller flowers of pink, blue, carmine, and white will quickly hide an eyesore or supply comforting shade. A relative of the morning glory, valuable for its profuse growth, is *Moon-flower* with its huge overlapping leaves. Fragrant white flowers open in the evening and close at sunrise.

## For Ornamental Purposes

In mild climates of the west and south, *Australian Pea Vine* is a wise selection for home grounds decoration. Its growth during a season is sometimes amazing. Both leaves and flowers



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are attractive, although the foliage is hardly heavy enough for shade and screening.

If a bower of feathery green is wanted, train *Cypress Vine* on a trellis or lattice. The dark green foliage is dainty and picturesque. The small scarlet or white flowers are like twinkling stars. *Cardinal Climber*, a near relative of *Cypress Vine*, has somewhat heavier foliage and larger blossoms of brilliant red. It can be used in about the same way.

No doubt the fastest growing climber is *Kudzu Vine*, or *Jack-and-the-Beanstalk*. This vine sometimes grows fifty feet tall in one season. It is ideal for softening the effect of a lattice or pergola. Because it is a twiner like the morning glories, it needs strings or wires for support.

Time was when many a clothes pole retired modestly behind the rich dark foliage of *Scarlet Runner Bean*. The clothes pole use may be outdated, but this vine is ornamental almost anywhere. It's an unusually clean plant; the bright red flowers are gay and showy; the pods are tender for eating when young; the dry beans are tasty for later use. What more could one ask from a packet of seeds?

Once started, *Cobaea scandens*, the *Cup-and-Saucer Vine*, grows rapidly, sometimes reaching a height of twenty to thirty feet in one season. It climbs by means of tendrils, and is one annual vine that will cling to brick or screen. The foliage is not profuse, but the leaves are

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interesting and refined. The odd, cup-shaped blossoms are greenish-lavender at first, later changing to purple.

For particularly dry situations *Hyacinth Bean* is appropriate. The heart-shaped leaves, the spikes of purple or white flowers, and the colored seed pods are attractive.

Because of its many-colored flowers *Japanese Morning Glory* is popular with many people. The foliage is not profuse, however, and the vine needs a little coaxing in order to climb well. It is adapted to trellises. It makes a fairly good pot plant, too, for a sunny window indoors.

Interesting fruits may be your reason for wanting an ornamental vine. Then, choose one of the *Momordicas*, *Balsam Apple* or *Balsam Pear*. Smooth, shining green foliage will reward you all summer, and in early autumn come brilliant yellow fruits with their unique manner of bursting open to reveal still brighter color inside. Or, for delightful novelty train a *Gourd Vine* along the fence. The leaf growth is not always dense, but the fruits are ever amusing and often useful. You will be able to think of many ways to use Gourds, and the children love them for toys.

## For Window and Porch Boxes

*Thunbergia*, or *Black-eyed Susan Vine*, is an African native well adapted to most parts of this country. Because it trails so gracefully, it seems made for flower box use. The clustered leaves are rather small; the blossoms of light yellow or orange are perky with their jet black centers.



*Morning Glory, Scarlett O'Hara* is also a suitable flower box plant because the vines trail more easily than they climb. Pinch them back for more bushy growth if you like. The large carnelian red blossoms appear continuously from midsummer until frost-time in the fall.

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## Hints on Growing Vines From Seed

For best results in growing each kind of vine, follow cultural directions on the packets of FERRY'S SEEDS.

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All flowering vines should have full sunshine at least two-thirds of the day.

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Do not sow vine seeds or set out vine seedlings in hard soil that bakes easily.

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Sow vine seeds in warm soil; cold, wet soil is likely to rot the seed.

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If morning glories run to vines and do not flower profusely, they are probably receiving too much water.

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In planting seeds of *Cobaea scandens*, place each one edge-wise with the tip of the seed near the top of the ground.

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Seed of Japanese morning glory germinates rather slowly; use great care and patience in starting it.

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Nick the seed coats of hard-shelled vine seeds before planting; soaking them sometimes causes them to rot.



Strictly speaking, *nasturtium* might not be classed as a vine. But *Trailing* and *Gleam Nasturtiums* fill the requirements for flower box vines. Their refreshing foliage and cheery blossoms are a pleasing sight at window sill or porch rail.

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### Seeds of Quick-Growing Vines in FERRY'S Red and Silver Display at Your Neighborhood Store

#### For Screening or Shade

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>
Moon Flower . . . . .	Ipomoea grandiflora alba
Morning Glory, Crimson Rambler . . . . .	Convolvulus major
Morning Glory, Heavenly Blue . . . . .	Ipomoea rubro coerulea
Morning Glory, Mixed Colors . . . . .	Convolvulus major

#### For Ornamental Purposes

Australian Pea Vine (for mild climates) . . . . .	Dolichos lignosus
Balsam Apple and Pear . . . . .	Momordica
Cardinal Climber . . . . .	Ipomoea quamoclit hybrida
Cup-and-Saucer Vine . . . . .	Cobaea scandens
Cypress Vine . . . . .	Ipomoea quamoclit
Gourd . . . . .	Cucurbita
Hyacinth Bean . . . . .	Dolichos lablab
Japanese Morning Glory . . . . .	Ipomoea imperialis
Kudzu Vine	
(Jack-and-the-Beanstalk) . . . . .	Pueraria thunbergiana
Scarlet Runner Bean . . . . .	Phaseolus multiflorus

#### For Window and Porch Boxes

Black-eyed Susan Vine . . . . .	Thunbergia alata
Morning Glory, Scarlett O'Hara . . . . .	Ipomoea
Nasturtium, Trailing and Gleam types . . . . .	Tropaeolum

